

REMARKS

1. Summary of Office Action Mailed April 19, 2005

In the non-final Office Action mailed April 19, 2005, the Examiner (i) allowed claims 11, 15-17, 18, 22-24, 25, 29-30, 31, and 35-37; (ii) rejected claim 1 under 35 USC § 103(a) as unpatentable over the combination of the admitted prior art ("Introduction to GSM" (XP-002199834)), U.S. Patent 6,463,055 (Lupien), and U.S. Publication 2002/0071480 (Marjelund); (iii) objected to claims 3-8 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, indicating that these claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form; and (iv) withdrew earlier objections to the claims (with respect to informalities), specification, and drawings.

2. Pending Claims

Presently pending in this application are claims 1, 4-8, 11, 15-17, 18, 22-24, 25, 29-30, 31, and 35-37, of which claims 1, 11, 18, 25, and 31 are independent. Claims 1, 4, 16, 18, 22-24, 25, 29, 31, and 36-37 are amended herein. Claims 2-3, 9-10, 12-14, 19-21, 26-28, and 32-34 have been canceled.

3. Summary of Applicant's Response to the Office Action Mailed April 19, 2005

In the non-final Office Action mailed April 19, 2005, the Examiner rejected independent claim 1 under 35 USC § 103(a) as unpatentable over the combination of three references. The Examiner also objected to claims 3-8 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim (claim 1), indicating that these claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Of the presently pending claims, only independent claim 1 currently stands rejected. All other pending claims are either allowed or have been indicated by the Examiner as allowable if rewritten in independent form (claims 3-8). Applicant herein amends independent claim 1 to

include the subject matter of claim 3, amends claim 4 to depend from claim 1 instead of from claim 3, and cancels claim 3. This should place all pending claims in condition for allowance, as claims 5-8 depend from claim 4.

In addition, Applicant has made certain, non-substantive amendments to the specification and claims, for purposes of consistency and grammatical correctness.

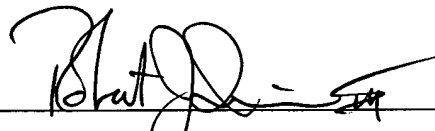
4. Conclusion

Applicant therefore submits that all of the pending claims are now in condition for allowance. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests favorable action. Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at 312-913-3305.

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